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SHE APPEARED TO JON CARWAY AND IMPLORED HIM TO JUMP IN THE MOONPOOL TO JOIN HER....

POOL OF EVIL

THERE--! I KNEW IT! IT'S ONLY THE LEAVES FALLING INTO THE WATER THAT MADE ME SEE THE ILLUSION...
THAT NIGHT AT A PARTY GIVEN BY ONE OF HIS FRIENDS, HE HAD TO TELL HIS HOSTS WHAT HAD OCCURED...
THE IMAGE OF THAT GIRL'S FACE WAS AS CLEAR TO ME AS MINE IS TO YOU!
OH, COME NOW, JON, ADMIT THAT YOU'RE SPOOFING!
BUT BEFORE CARWAY! COULD REPLY...
LET ME IN... LET ME IN... OR YOU'LL BE CURSED!
WHAT IS IT HAWKINS?
IT'S THIS OLD HAG, SIR! SHE WANTS TO COME IN!
AY! I ONLY WANTED TO BE IN THE MIDST OF ALL THIS YOUTH AND GAIETY. I'M JUST A LONELY OLD WOMAN!
LET HER IN! SHE LOOKS POSITIVELY FAMISHED, POOR THING!
THANK YOU SIR! MAY FORTUNE SMILE DOWN UPON YOU! BUT I WANT NO FOOD OR SHELTER-- I SHALL GIVE YOU THE SECRET OF THE GIRL IN THE MOONPOOL FOR YOUR KINDESS!
THE GIRL IN THE-- THE MOONPOOL?
YES! HEH, HEH... LONG, LONG AGO... SHE AND HER SWEETHEART WERE FLEEING HER FIRST LOVER WHO PURSUED THEM TO THE POOL AND KILLED HIS RIVAL IN A SWORD FIGHT!
THE GIRL THREW HERSELF IN THE POOL RATHER THAN LIVE. HER BODY WAS NEVER RECOVERED, AND HER FIRST SWEETHEART DIED AFTERWARDS, SHUNNED BY ALL. SINCE THEN, ONLY HANDSOME STRANGERS WHO DO HER BIDDING NEVER RETURN--BUT TO YOU I'LL GIVE THE SECRET!
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AT FULL MOON YOU MUST DO HER BIDDING-- FOR THEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A TREASURE BEYOND COMPARE-- HER LOVE! REMEMBER AT FULL MOON! HEH, HEH, HEH...
WAIT!

LET HER GO, JON! SURELY YOU DON'T BELIEVE HER TALE! HA, HA!
I WONDER...!
THE GIRL IN THE MOONPOOL! I HAVE TO SEE HER AGAIN! I MUST!

JON CARWAY SLEPT UNCOMFORTABLY THAT NIGHT. NEXT MORNING, DETERMINED TO SEE THE POOL AGAIN, HE AND MIKE, HIS HOST FOR THE WEEK-END STROLED THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE ...
SO YOU STILL THINK SHE TOLD YOU THE TRUTH?
I'M CONVINCED OF IT!

BUT IF IT WERE ONLY ILLUSION, HE TOLD HIMSELF HE COULD STILL PAINT THE EXQUISITE MOONPOOL. BUT AS HE PAINTED...
JON CARWAY.. I CANNOT DELAY MUCH LONGER! PLEASE HEED ME! JUMP!
YES! YES!

JON! WHAT'S WRONG? WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO? NO... DON'T! THAT POOL LOOKS BOTTOMLESS! STOP!

FOOL...! FOOL! TURN BACK! TERRIBLE DOOM AWAITS YOU! DO NOT PURSUE HER... WE IMPLORE YOU!
HURRY, JON! I PROMISE YOU ETERNAL HAPPINESS!
I'M BEING SUCKED DOWN... DOWN... I.. I ..I CAN'T RESIST THIS CURRENT!

CLOSER AND CLOSER TO THE SHIMMERING BEAUTY JON CARWAY CAME...UNTIL HE COULD NO LONGER SEE... NO LONGER BREATHE. THEN HE LOST CONSCIOUSNESS! WHEN HE NEXT OPENED HIS EYES, HE WAS IN A STRANGE CAVE... DRESSED IN STRANGE CLOTHES...

OH, JON--JON, MY SWEETHEART! YOU CAME YOU HEARD MY CALL!

WHA.. WHERE AM I?

BUT BEFORE HE COULD FIND AN ANSWER TO HIS QUESTIONS, A MUFFLED FIGURE IN BLACK STEPPED FORTH!

INTRUDER! YOU HAVE TRESSPASSED HERE...ONE OF US MUST DIE!

KILL HIM FOR ME, JON! TAKE ME AWAY FROM HERE!

YES, MY DEAREST!

WHY AM I ANGRY? I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF! I MUST KILL HIM!

DIE!

AIIEEE!

NO SOONER HAD HIS SWORD RUN THROUGH THE MAN'S CHEST THAN THE FIGURE DISSOLVED INTO NOTHINGLESS...

HA, HA, HA... IT IS DONE THE CURSE IS RENEWED ONCE MORE!

T-THE MAN IS DISSAPPEARING ..AND.. NO WAIT!

I'VE GOT TO STOP HER! I'VE GOT TO MAKE SENSE OUT OF THIS!

NO! YOU KNOW NOT WHAT YOU DO! DO NOT WANT HER!

SHE IS EVIL!

STOP! AIIIEEEE! HE IS ALMOST UPON HER!

I SEEM TO HEAR VOICES IN MY HEAD! IT...IT MUST BE MY IMAGINATION! I'M NEARLY UP TO HER! ALMOST...ALMOST!

SOMEHOW JON CARWAY MANAGE TO GET HOME.. SOMEHOW, HE MANAGE TO MAKE A SUPERFICIALLY LOGICAL EXPLANATION OF WHAT HAD OCCURED, BUT HE KNEW BETTER. THE NEXT MORNING...

CARWAY FLED TO HIS ROOM...
JON...JON CARWAY!
LET ME ALONE!
CARWAYYYY!!
SHUT UP! SHUT UP!
JON--JON CARWAY--Y!
OH, WHY DOESN'T IT STOP!
CARWAY-Y-Y-Y! I ORDER YOU! COME!
YES,, YES...

THE PAINTER HAD TOLD EVERYONE HE WAS INDISPOSED. NOW, AS HE SLOWLY MADE HIS WAY TO HIS CAR, THE OTHERS SITTING IN THE GARDEN SUDDENLY CAUGHT SIGHT OF HIM...
JON,, I... WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I--MUST--OBEY HER! SHE CALLS!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, MIKE, FOLLOWING JON CARWAY IN HIS OWN CAR, SAW HIM RUN OUT THE EDGE OF THE POOL.
GOOD HEAVENS! THAT--POOL LOOKS INCREDIBLY OMINOUS AND EVIL!
JON!! NOT AGAIN!

CLOSER,, CLOSER, MY BELOVED! COME CLOSER THAT I MAY SEE YOUR FACE!
I--I CAN BREATHE-- IN THE WATER! I CAN TALK WITHOUT CHOKING!

YES! HEH, HEH, HEH... ALL THESE THINGS YOU MAY DO ...FOR NOW YOU ARE DESTINED TO STAY HERE FOREVER! YOU, MY NEW BETHROTHED, WILL PROTECT ME AGAINST ALL RIVALS FOR MY HAND! HEH, HEH...
AAAGHH! YOU! THE OLD HAG! B-BUT I SAW A BEAUTIFUL GIRL!

BUT IT WAS TOO LATE! MIKE HAD DIVED IN... AND JON CARWAY NOW KNEW THAT HE HIMSELF WAS TO BE NEW FIGURE IN BLACK... THE NEW CRUEL LOVER FIGHTING THIS RIVAL... FIGHTING... AND DYING.. DOOMED TO LOSE HIS SOUL TO THE MOONPOOL FOREVER!

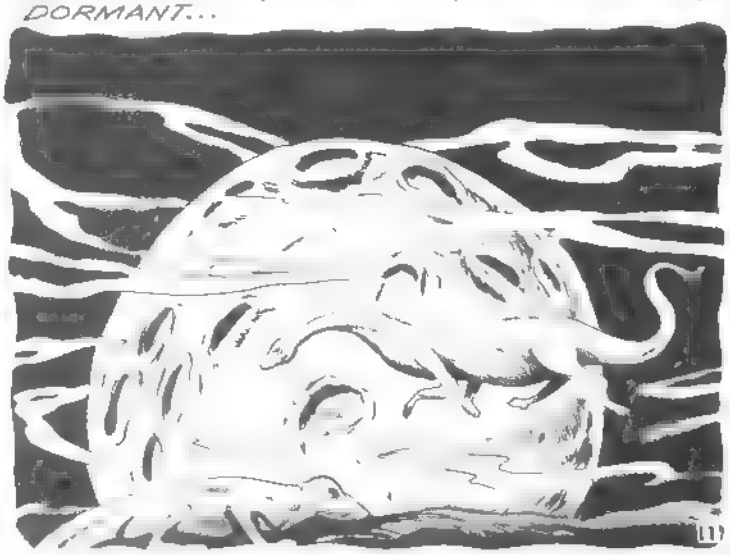
The End

COME DOWN INTO THE PIT - IF YOU DARE -- AND MEET **AILOS**, THE THING THAT AWAITS YOUR VIBRATING BODY -- THE HORROR THAT FEASTS ON THE LIFE-ENERGY OF YOUR SOUL! COME DOWN -- DOWN---

THE BLOOD SLAVE

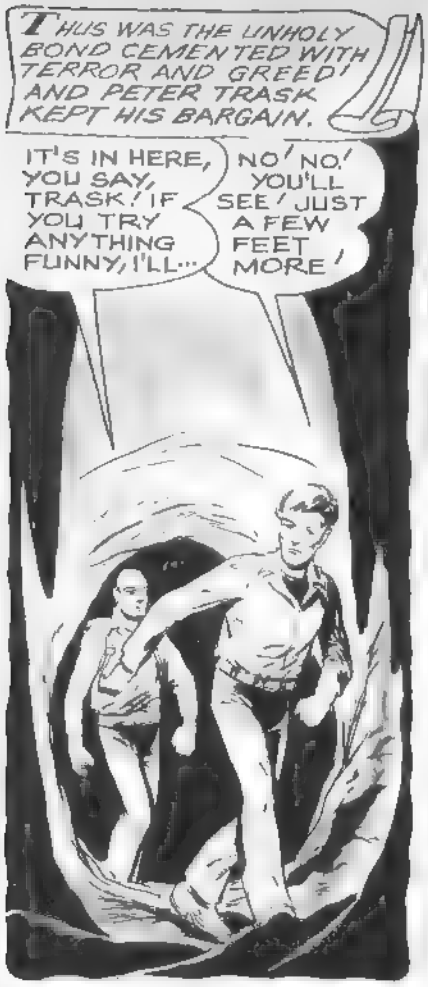
THE METEOR FLASHED OUT OF THE SKY AND SCREAMED DOWN TOWARDS A MOLTEN VOLCANIC-ROCKED EARTH OF MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO...

IT PLUNGED INTO TITANIC DEPTHS AND SANK UNTIL IT HIT THE SHIFTING SANDS OF THE OCEAN BED. THERE IT LAY FOR ANOTHER MILLION YEARS, FESTERING, FUMING, SILENT, DORMANT...



AND EONS PASSED BY, HERALDING THE COMING OF NEW THINGS, NEW FORMS OF LIFE WHILE THE GIANT REPTILES AND DINOSAURS RULED THE EARTH...
EEEEEEARGHHH!
THE WATERS DRIED UP... NEW OCEANS ROSE AND FELL... THE EARTH CRACKED OPEN AND CLOSED AGAIN... AND NOW IN LABRYNTHS OF MUD, WAS CRADLED THE INVADER FROM THE SKIES... AND A NEWLY FORMED EMBRYO...
TIME SPED... AND THE EMBRYO FORMED INTO A SICKLY LOOKING, STRINGY CREATURE WHICH DEVELOPED AND MATURED INTO A FURRED MONSTROSITY!
FOOD! I MUST HAVE FOOD! I HUNGER FOR LIFE FORCE!
WAIT... I SENSE THE MIND EMENATIONS OF STRANGE SURFACE CREATURES! SEEK! BUT I MUST DEVISE A PLAN FOR CONSTANT SUPPLY! I MUST STUDY THEM WELL...
THOUSANDS OF YEARS WENT BY AGAIN, AND NOW, THE ALIEN HORROR WAS READY. ALONG CAME PETER TRASK... AS A MAN, HE WAS A DUD! AS A PROSPECTOR HE WAS A FAILURE...
I GOTTA FIND GOLD... IT'S MY ONLY CHANCE TO GO INTO TOWN AGAIN... GOLD...
HELLO! WHAT'S THIS? WELL, I'LL BE... THIS CAVE LEADS INTO SOME SORT O' CHAMBER... MAYBE THERE'S GOLD INSIDE!

TRASK WALKED FURTHER INTO THE GLOOMY OPENING..
WHA... I'D NEVER O' BELIEVED IT IF I HADN'T SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES!
LOOK, THERE'S AN OPEN CHAMBER OVER THERE! THIS HERE CAVE IS A HONEYCOMB OF GROTTOS!
A-AA-A-G-YI-HH!
THERE MUST BE GOLD HERE! I... W WHAT'S THAT? Y... AHH!
DO NOT BE ALARMED, I SHALL NOT HARM YOU... IF YOU DO AS I SAY! I AM AILOS, ALIEN TO YOUR PLANET. IT IS YOU I HAVE SELECTED TO BE MY LURE!
D-DON'T K-KILL ME... P-PLEASE! I... I'LL DO ANYTHING Y-YOU SAY.. PLEASE!
I DESIRE HUMAN FOOD... HUMANS THAT ARE ALIVE! AND YOU SHALL DELIVER ONE TO ME EVERY TWENTY FOUR HOURS. IN RETURN YOU WILL HAVE ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING-- FOR MY EXTRAORDINARY MIND CAN INFLUENCE THE MINDS OF MEN!
Y-YES... YES...


THUS WAS THE UNHOLY BOND CEMENTED WITH TERROR AND GREED! AND PETER TRASK KEPT HIS BARGAIN.
IT'S IN HERE, YOU SAY, TRASK! IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY, I'LL...
NO! NO! YOU'LL SEE! JUST A FEW FEET MORE!

I DON'T LIKE IT! I BETTER..
AAIEEEIE!
HA HA... FOOD! FOOD!

AH! WARM BLOOD! YOU'VE DONE WELL, MY FRIEND! GO NOW... AND REMEMBER TO BE BACK TOMORROW WITH MORE!
UGHHH... Y-YES...

THAT VERY DAY OIL WAS FOUND ON PETER TRASKS DILAPIDATED FARM, AND TWO MONTHS LATER, THE EX-BEGGAR WAS AN OIL MILLIONAIRE...
HERE'S A CHECK FOR $500,000 FOR YOUR FIRST PROFIT!
I WANT IT IN DOLLAR BILLS SO I CAN COUNT IT FOR MYSELF!

AND ALWAYS ANOTHER VICTIM WAS LED TO THAT GROTTO BENEATH THE EARTH! AND THROUGH THE MIND FORCE OF THE CREATURE THAT LURKED BELOW... PETER TRASK BECAME A MULTI-MILLIONAIRE...
HERE'S SOME COINS! HA HA!
IT'S MINE!
NO! I SAW IT FIRST!

TRASK OVERCAME HIS INITIAL DISGUST OF HIS MASTERS HABITS. TO HIM IT WAS PART OF A NECESSARY BUSINESS...
DID I NOT PROMISE YOU SOFT FLESH THIS TIME, AILOS?
YES! SLURP! SLURP... YOU ARE AN EXCELLENT LURE!

PETER TRASK BECAME A POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH.

PLEASE, MR TRASK! YOU MUST LEND ME THE REQUIRED SUM! I'LL BE RUINED!

I'M SORRY, DENTON! LEAVE AT ONCE!

NOW RICH, POWERFUL, FAMOUS, TRASK NEEDED ONLY A WIFE TO MAKE HIM HAPPY

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU MAN AND WIFE! YOU MAY KISS THE BRIDE!

WITH PLEASURE!

BUT ONE NIGHT HE FOUND SOMETHING HE HADN'T RECKONED WITH...

HOW LONG CAN WE GO ON LIKE THIS, MYRA!? WE MUST TELL HIM!

NO, HARRY! YOU DON'T KNOW HIM! HE'LL **KILL** US BOTH!

WE MUSTN'T EVER BE SEEN HERE TOGETHER AGAIN! WE CAN MEET IN A SMALL RENDEZVOUS I'VE SET UP IN THE DESERT!

I'LL CHOKE THEM BOTH WITH MY BARE HANDS! NO... I HAVE A BETTER IDEA...

PETER TRASK BIDED HIS TIME UNTIL HARRY LEFT. THEN HE PUT HIS DIABOLICAL PLAN INTO OPERATION.

HE'S ALMOST NEAR THE GROTTO OF **AILOS!** GOOD! HE'LL NEVER GO ANYPLACE AGAIN! HA, HA...

BAAROOOOM!

SCREEEEECH!

BAH! AILOS WON'T WANT DEAD BODIES! IT'S JUST AS WELL, HOWEVER! NO ONE SAW ME KILL HIM! WAIT! THERE'S SOMEONE OUT THERE! SOMEONE'S FOLLOWING ME!
TRASK WALKED SLOWLY INSIDE THE GROTTO, MAKING SURE HIS UNKNOWN FOLLOWER WAS BEHIND HIM, THEN
DOWN YOU GO, SUCKER! HA, HA... THAT'S THE END FOR YOU!
SMYASH!
THE FALL ISN'T HIGH ENOUGH TO KILL ANYONE--- ONLY STUN HIM! GOOD! AILOS HAS MY VICTIM FOR TODAY! HA, HA..
AILOS, I'VE BROUGHT YOU ANOTHER... OHH... IT'S MYRA! SHE'S THE ONE THAT FOLLOWED ME! BUT WHY DOESN'T SHE COME TO?
SHE IS DEAD, FOOL! YOU KILLED MY ONLY OTHER LURE!
Y-YOU MEAN --THAT S-SHE WAS--? N-NO · DON'T YAAAHH!
YES! SHE WAS BRINGING HER IMPETUOUS FRIEND TO ME! BUT NOW SHE IS DEAD AND SINCE YOU HAVE NOT BROUGHT A LIVE VICTIM YOURSELF---
AH! IT'S GOOD TO EAT! AND I AM TRULY FOND OF SUCH TENDER MEAT! PERHAPS ONE OF YOU OUT THERE WOULD LIKE TO BE MY REPRESENTATIVE?
THE END

THE MIDNIGHT HAG

BUT REMEMBER THIS! YOU MUST RETURN! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE OUR FATE! WITHIN ONE DAY YOU MUST BE BACK IN VARSUVIA!
I ONLY ASK A FEW MOMENTS AWAY FROM THE FLAMES! DO WHAT YOU MUST!

LIKE A STRAW IN THE WIND VALBORG SUDDENLY FINDS HIMSELF SPINNING IN A TURMOIL OF LIGHT AND DARKNESS WHIRLING IN A VOID THROUGH SUN AND STARS!

AND AT THAT MOMENT A YOUNG AND HAPPY COUPLE ARE SEATED AMID NORMAL SURROUNDINGS ON A CALM AND PLACID EVENING...
BUT IF WE.. WHAT'S THE MATTER, JEAN?
I---I DON'T KNOW, DAVID! I SUDDENLY FELT A CHILL. AS IF SOMEONE WERE WATCHING ME!

DAVID!! LOOK!! AHHH!
JEAN!

THERE WAS SOMEONE STANDING AT THE WINDOW HE WAS HORRIBLE...
YOU'D BETTER GO TO BED, DEAR! I HAVE SOME WORK TO DO TONIGHT--- BUT I'LL COME UP LATER!!

LATER THAT EVENING, A GHASTLY FIGURE STANDS ABOVE THE YOUNG WIFE'S BED, HIS EVIL FACE BURNING WITH A SINISTER PLAN...
SHE'S LOVELY! AND SO HAPPY IN HER SMILING LITTLE WORLD! IF SHE WERE TO JOIN ME IN THE LAST HOURS OF AGONY ON VARSUVIA, THEN I COULD DIE CONTENT!

YOU NEEDN'T FEAR ME, MY DEAR. I SHALL ONLY ASK YOU TO MAKE A VISIT... A BRIEF VISIT TO A LAND FAR LESS HAPPY THAN YOURS!

WE SHALL LIVE AMONG THE FLAMING PITS OF SULPHUR UNTIL ALL VARSUVIA CRUMBLES TO RUIN--AS IT SOON SHALL!!
NO... NO...

DAVID! DAVID! HELP! HELP!
WHA--

DAVID, HE'S INSANE! HE TALKS OF BURNING PITS... OF ANOTHER WORLD!
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

CONFRONTED BY THE YOUNG COUPLE... AND BY HIS WANING TIME IN THE WORLD BEYOND VARSUVIA... ERIC VALSBORG SPEAKS...
PERHAPS WE SHALL JOURNEY TO VARSUVIA TONIGHT!
WHAT FIEND ARE YOU? YOU CAN'T...

AGAIN THE WHIRLING COSMOS IS DISTURBED BY FIGURES HURTLING THROUGH SPACE... TOWARDS AN UNHOLY AND UNSPEAKABLE DOOM!

WHERE ARE WE? WHY HAVE YOU BROUGHT US HERE?
YOU WILL NOT FIND LIFE AS COMFORTABLE IN VARSUVIA AS IN YOUR WORLD!

CAUGHT IN THE RED NIGHTMARE OF A CRUMBLING AND FORBIDING WORLD, THE COUPLE ARE DRAGGED BY THE DEMONIAC VALBORG THROUGH SCENES THAT SEAR THE MIND!
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF THIS LIVING HELL... WE MUST FIND IT!

NO! YOU CANNOT ESCAPE NOW! I WON'T LET YOU RETURN TO YOUR HAPPY LIFE!
LET ME GO! LET ME GO!

COME, WE SHALL LEAP TOGETHER INTO THE FLAMES!! WHY WAIT FOR THE FIRES TO DEVOUR US UNAWARE?
YAAAHHHH! NO! DON'T!

SUDDENLY THE CRACKED VOICE OF THE OLD HAG SOUNDS THROUGH THE MURKY AIR...
STOP!
WHAT IS YOUR WISH, MIDNIGHT HAG??

YOU KNOW FULL WELL, VALBORG, THAT IF SOME ONE OTHER THAN AN INHABITANT OF VARSUVIA ENTERS THE FLAMES... THE EARTH WILL CRUMBLE TO DUST!
WHY NOT NOW!, RATHER THAN LATER? WE ARE A DOOMED RACE! I SHALL DESTROY WHOM I PLEASE!

YOU HAVE ABUSED MY GIFT, VALBORG... AND FOR THAT YOU MUST DIE!!
NO! I DIDN'T MEAN IT! I'LL LET THEM RETURN! N...

AIEE-EE!

YOU MUST HELP US RETURN, OLD WOMAN! WE DON'T BELONG IN THIS ROTTING LAND!
AH, SIR, YOU ARE RIGHT VARSUVIA IS NOT FOR THE LIVING, BUT FOR THE DAMNED SUCH AS VALBORG! THE FLAMES ARE THEIR REWARD!

MAY YOU EVER REMEMBER THIS NIGHT AND THE WRETCHED SOULS OF THIS LOST WORLD! ONLY THEN WILL YOUR HEARTS STAY FREE OF THE SCORCHING HORROR OF VESUVIA!

FOR THE LAST TIME THE HEAVENS --ARE ASTONISHED BY THE FIGURES THAT HUKILE THROUGH THEIR ETERNAL STILLNESS!!

AND IN A MATTER OF SECONDS THE YOUNG COUPLE ARE AMID NORMAL SURROUNDINGS..
JEAN, IS --- IS IT POSSIBLE THAT VARSUVIA WAS H...
OH, DAVID, DOES THIS MEAN THAT EVIL IS BEING DESTROYED, AND THAT VALBORG WAS THE ...

THE END

THE LEGITIMATE THEATRE IS A STRANGE WORLD, BUT NO STRANGER THAN THE MAKE-UP MAN WHO MADE A PACT WITH THE VERY DEVIL HIMSELF! ...AND THEN SOUGHT VENGEANCE ONLY TO PAY SATAN'S PRICE!
MY FACE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY FACE! AIIEEEE!
THE CORPSE
AT A COCKTAIL PARTY AFTER A SUCCESSFUL OPENING NIGHT!
YES, I HEARD THAT KARL RAGEESE HAD DIED IN THE POOR HOUSE!
IT'S STRANGE THAT HE MENTIONED THE THREE OF US IN HIS WILL AND SUMMONED US TO HIS FUNERAL! WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR YEARS!
GET OFF IT! YOU KNOW HE ALWAYS ACCUSED US OF HAVING BEEN THE CAUSE OF HIS DOWNFALL!

THE NEXT DAY....
PECULIAR THAT WE WERE THE ONLY THREE INVITED TO THE BURIAL! WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT ?
FRANKLY I DON'T CARE! LET'S GET AWAY FROM HERE! WE ALL HAVE MATINEES TO DO TODAY!
RIP

BUT LATER THAT EVENING A WEIRD EVENT TRANSPIRES!

SO, THEY THINK THEY'VE SEEN THE LAST OF ME, EH... . SATAN AND ME HAVE MADE A PACT! HE HE HAW.

WITH A NEW BODY AND FACE AND HYPNOTIC POWERS I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE!

...ON THE THREE OF THEM. THEY WHO WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR DRIVING THE GENIUS KARL RAGEESE TO THE POOR-HOUSE WITH THEIR LIES.

THE FOLLOWING EVENING...
ISN'T THAT MAKE-UP MAN HERE YET ?
THERE'S A NEW MAN TONIGHT MISS JAN! I'LL SEND HIM RIGHT IN

YOU SHALL BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL JULIET IN THE HISTORY OF THE THEATRE!
I ALWAYS HAVE BEEN!

AND AS THE KNIFE, SEEMINGLY CONTROLLED BY AN INVISIBLE FORCE, PLUNGES INTO JAN SLOAN'S BODY.... A FANTASTIC FACIAL TRANSFORMATION OCCURS! AND EVEN HER FINAL PERFORMANCE HAS AN AUDIENCE!

AT ANOTHER BROADWAY THEATER THE NEXT DAY..
AUTOGRAPH PLEASE, MR. LEEDS!
FINE! BUT THIS IS ALL! I GO ON IN FIFTEEN MINUTES, YOU KNOW!
LESTER LEEDS
DON'T THEY KNOW THE CURTAIN RISES IN TEN MINUTES! WHERE'S MY MAKE-UP MAN, JARVIS?
I'LL SEE, SIR!
HERE I AM, MR. LEEDS!
HURRY, MAN! THERE'S LITTLE TIME! IT WOULD BE A FINE THING IF HAMLET WERE LATE!
I'VE ALWAYS ADMIRED YOUR PORTRAYAL OF HAMLET!
YOU SHOULD, IT'S THE BEST! I HOPE YOU'RE ALMOST FINISHED!
HIS MAKE-UP COMPLETE, LESTER LEEDS RENDERS HIS VERSION OF SHAKESPEARE'S HAMLET!
"TO BE OR NOT TO BE.....THAT IS THE QUESTION!"
SIR, YOU WERE SUPERB!
THANK YOU, JARVIS... BUT I...I FELT ODD OUT THERE...THAT SCENE WHEN I'M KILLED BY A POISONOUS KNICK OF A KNIFE...I FELT AS THOUGH IT WOULD HAPPEN!
IT'S JUST YOUR NERVES, SIR! WHY NOT RELAX A BIT?
YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT! I'LL READ SOME OF MY FAN MAIL! GOODNIGHT, JARVIS!

BUT AS LESTER READS HIS MAIL A FANTASTIC COINCIDENCE OCCURS...
DRAT IT! I KNICKED MY FINGER WITH THE LETTER OPENER! I NEVER.....I
AND A GROTESQUE SCENE ENSUES
THE FINGER IS.... WHAT---! MY FACE! WHAT'S HAPPENING TO MY FACE?
AIIIEEEE!
AGGRRAAHH!
SPLENDID! DIE LEEDS DIE
TWO OF THE THREE WITNESSES SUMMONED TO KARL RAGEESE'S FUNERAL HAVE DIED HIDEOUSLY! AND AT A NEARBY THEATER THAT NIGHT....THE THIRD, JO CARTER PREPARES FOR HER APPEARANCE AS JOAN OF ARC!
I'M READY FOR MY MAKE-UP, DORIS! CALL IN THE NEW MAN
YES MAM.
HERE I AM MISS CARTER!
GOOD! LET'S GET TO WORK ON THIS!
THE ARTIST BEGINS HIS FIENDISH WORK
YOU WILL BE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL JOAN OF ARC EVER!
THANKS, I INTEND TO BE!

THE AUDIENCE IS SPELL-BOUND AS JO CARTER ENACTS HER JOAN OF ARC!

AFTER THE PERFORMANCE .

ARRIVING AT HER LAVISH APARTMENT, THE BEAUTIFUL ACTRESS PREPARES FOR A RESTFUL EVENING!

FIRE!
THE FIRE IS---MY FACE! MY FACE IS..... AIIIEEEE!
AND AS JO'S APARTMENT BECOMES A RAGING INFERNO, HER ANGUISHED FEATURES BECOME THOSE OF HER JOAN OF ARC! AND A WARPED ARTIST ADMIRES HIS HANDIWORK!
?COUGH?.... THE FLAMES ARE...MY FACE... ?COUGH?...YOU'RE AGGRRAA...
HA-HA-HA! DIE, JO! DIE LIKE THE OTHERS!
DIE LIKE THE....THE FIRE! WHAT--! NO! NO! I'M BURNING!
SATAN...YOU PROMISED ME...ETERNAL LIFE IF I GAVE YOU MY SOUL.... AND NOW YOU TAKE ME...
ARRGH!
OH WELL, THERE ARE TIMES, WHEN EVEN SATAN CHANGES HIS MIND.... BESIDES, WHO WOULD BELIEVE THE DEVIL WAS FOND OF SHAKESPEARE? ...AND RESENTED THE DEATH OF THREE TALENTED PEOPLE?
The END

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OLD JEAN DACK DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO THE INVENTION OF A FLUID TO RESTORE LIFE TO THE DEAD! BUT WHEN THE IMPERFECT LIQUID FELL INTO EVIL HANDS, AN UNBELIEVABLE HORROR WAS BORN WITH...

THE ZOMBIE ARMY

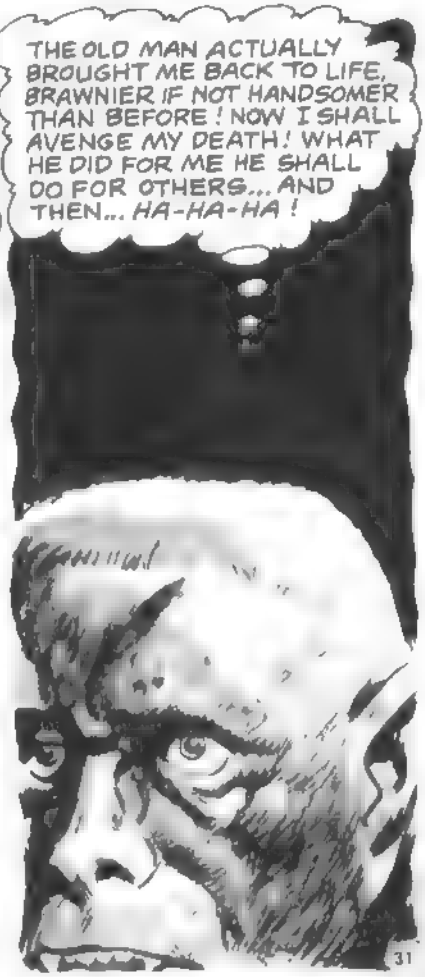
BUT AS THE ROYALIST CROWD DISPERSES, SATISFIED THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY PIERRE DABLOND SHALL PLAGUE THEM NO MORE, ONE SPECTATOR VIEWS THE CORPSE INTENTLY!
I COULD MAKE GOOD USE OF THIS CORPSE!

And LATER THAT NIGHT A WEIRD SCENE IS ENACTED!
YOU MAY BE DEAD, DABLOND, BUT YOU WILL THANK ME FOR THIS! HEH-HEH-HEH!

... AND NOW TO MY LABORATORY! THIS IS A FATEFUL EVENING!

THIS STRANGE SCIENTIST ACTUALLY BRINGS THE DEAD MAN BACK TO LIFE WITH AN INJECTION OF A MYSTIC FLUID!
AHA! ...HE LIVES AGAIN! SUCCESS!
...I-I...WHERE AM I...

I...I WAS HANGED BY THOSE ROYALIST SWINE! AND NOW YOU...
SPLENDID! SPLENDID! THE MIND IS UNIMPAIRED!


THE OLD MAN ACTUALLY BROUGHT ME BACK TO LIFE, BRAWNIER IF NOT HANDSOMER THAN BEFORE! NOW I SHALL AVENGE MY DEATH! WHAT HE DID FOR ME HE SHALL DO FOR OTHERS... AND THEN... HA-HA-HA!

AND THE FOLLOWING DAY, DABLOND VISITS THE ELATED SCIENTIST!
LET ME MOVE YOUR EQUIPMENT TO MY SECRET HIDEAWAY BENEATH THE HARBOR DOCKS AND I'LL PROVIDE YOU WITH ALL THE CORPSES YOU NEED TO EXPERIMENT ON!
I'LL DO IT!

ON A HIDDEN ARE BENEATH A PUTRIFIED PIER...
GOOD! I KNEW YOU'D LIKE IT!
SPLENDID! DABLOND, SPLENDID! AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO WORK!

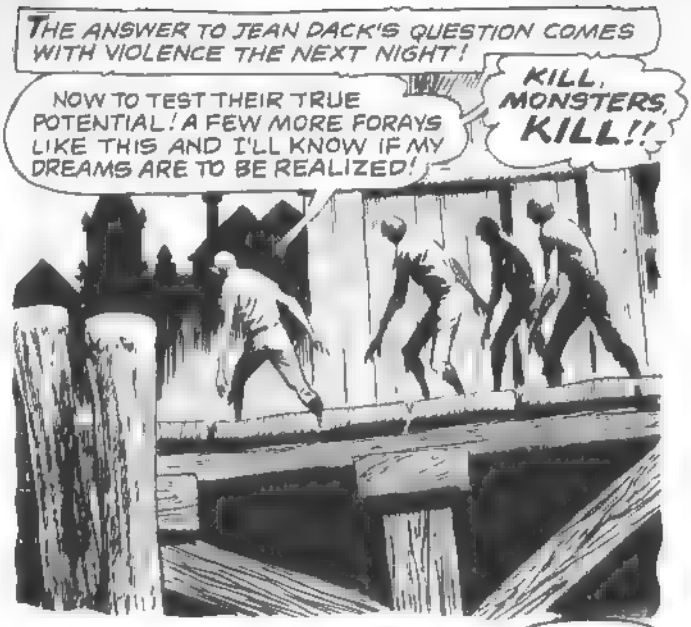
THAT NIGHT!
HERE COMES A LIKELY VICTIM! WITH A LEGION OF THEM, I'LL CONTROL ALL OF FRANCE!

ARGHHH!
HAH! YOU'RE THE FIRST OF MANY, M'SIEUR!

LATER THAT NIGHT!
DIE! DIE! ...WE HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH PROF. DACK!

THE VICTIMS ARE DABLOND'S DIABOLICAL SCHEME FOR VENGEANCE! HE BRINGS THEM TO PROF DACK'S LABORATORY...
...AND NOW TO STORE HIM WITH THE OTHERS IN THE UNDERWATER CHAMBER TO AWAIT THE TRANSFORMATION!

WEEKS LATER!
WELL DONE, DACK! THEY HAVE SUPERHUMAN STRENGTH AND THEIR BRAIN IS PROPERLY DWARFED! I SHALL BE THEIR MASTER!
YES, DABLOND! BUT WHY YOU WANT THEM LIKE THIS IS BEYOND ME!


THE ANSWER TO JEAN DACK'S QUESTION COMES WITH VIOLENCE THE NEXT NIGHT!
NOW TO TEST THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL! A FEW MORE FORAYS LIKE THIS AND I'LL KNOW IF MY DREAMS ARE TO BE REALIZED!
KILL, MONSTERS, KILL!!

AIEEE!

GOOD HEAVENS! HELP!

THE WANTON MURDERS HURL THE CITY INTO PANIC AND NOT THE LEAST CONCERNED IS THE INNOCENT PROF. DACK HIMSELF!
THIS MUST STOP, DABLOND! MY DISCOVERY WAS MADE FOR SCIENCE, NOT FOR MURDER!

HA-HAW! YOUR USEFULNESS IS AT AN END, DACK! DIE!
...N-NO... I... ARRGHH-H!

AND AS DAWN BREAKS, DABLOND LEADS HIS FANTASTIC LEGION TO DESTROY THE CITY ITSELF...
THE HORRIBLE HORDE RAVAGES EVERYTHING IN ITS PATH ' KILLING RUTHLESSLY...
THE MONSTERS! ...HELP! HELP!
ARGOOARGH!
D-DON'T-- AGGRRAAA!
THE SUN'S HEAT IS KILLING MY MONSTERS! WHY DIDN'T DACK TELL ME THIS WOULD HAPPEN?
GRRRMMPH!!

I'VE LOST! AND NOW THE ARMY IS AFTER ME!
DABLOND! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!

PURSUED BY THE ARMY, THE MADDENED DABLOND RACES TOWARD HIS WATERY SANCTUM!
MUST GET TO THE PIER! THEY'LL NEVER FIND ME THERE!

ARRIVING AT HIS ASYLUM UNDER THE PIER, THE HYSTERICAL BEING CRINGES IN FEAR LIKE A HUNTED ANIMAL...

THEY'RE HERE! I MUST STAY HIDDEN HERE OR BE KILLED BY THEM! BUT... THE TIDE IS COMING IN!

...THEY'RE STILL HERE...AND THE TIDE IS...N-NO!
WHAT WAS THAT SCREAM BELOW?
AIEEEEE!

And SO, PIERRE DABLOND DIES AS HORRIBLE AS HE LIVED... FOR THE SECOND TIME!
THE END

A STRANGE AND TERRIBLE STORY WAS TOLD TO YOUNG BOB RANCE IN THE LONELY, SNOW-BOUND RAILROAD STATION! AND WHEN THE ENDING CAME, RANCE FOUND HIMSELF THE CHIEF ACTOR IN THE **BLOOD CHILLING** CLIMAX TO THE TALE OF...

THE DEVIL'S MONSTER

QUITE A STORY YOU'VE TOLD ME... LUCKY WE'RE NOT MIXED UP IN IT! WHA--?

LOOK! **HELP!** **HELP!**

I'M A REPORTER FOR THE DAILY ARGUS! WE'VE HEARD THERE'S SOME WEIRD KIND OF BEAST ROAMING AROUND HERE A THING THAT LOOKS LIKE A MAN!
WHY... OH, YES.. I'VE HEARD THAT!

HE KILLS PEOPLE AND EATS THEIR FLESH! AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT WE'VE HEARD!
YES! PEOPLE ARE MISSING HERE! GUESS THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED!

"HE ROAMS BY NIGHT, THEY SAY! I DON'T GUESS ANYONE GOT CLOSE TO HIM AND LIVED..."

"SO MY PAPER SENT ME UP TO GET THE DOPE ON THIS...!"

WELL, WE'RE BOTH IN THE SAME BOAT-- I WRITE MAGAZINE STORIES! I CAME UP HERE A FEW DAYS AGO! AND I SURE FOUND OUT PLENTY!

IT'S QUITE A STORY--- GIVES YOU THE CREEPS! PARTICULARLY GOOD STUFF FOR ME--BECAUSE THERE'S A GIRL IN IT! WANT TO HEAR WHAT THEY SAY AROUND HERE?
YOU BET I DO! SHOOT!

THERE WAS A FELLOW, THEY SAY NAMED GEORGE BRUNO HE HAD PLENTY OF MONEY. TRAVELED A LOT A YEAR OR SO AGO HE WAS IN HARTA-- A SMALL CARIBBEAN ISLAND... AND--

--THIS GEORGE BRUNO WAS A STRANGE BROODING SORT--HE HAD ALWAYS BEEN INTERESTED IN THE SUPERNATURAL--
NO WHITE MAN IS ALLOWED TO SEE THE SACRED VOODOO RITUAL-- I'LL DISGUISE MYSELF..

"IN THE HOT TROPIC NIGHT, HE FURTIVELY FOLLOWED THE SOUNDS OF THE DISTANT DRUMS...
...CAN'T BE FAR NOW. JUST DOWN THAT HILL--

"THE WEIRD DRUMS SOUNDED WITH THE RHYTHM OF A WILD, PAGAN DANCE AND..."

-THEN THE STRANGE MYSTERIOUS RITUAL! NO WHITE MAN COULD EVER HOPE TO UNDERSTAND! GEORGE BRUNO STOOD AWED WATCHING--
NOW FOR THE POTION TO TRANSFORM THEM!

DRINK! AYEE! GREAT AND NOBLE SPIRITS OF THE DARKNESS, BLESS US AS THEY DRINK THINE POTION!

"WAS THE SHIMMERING TROPIC MOONLIGHT AND THE RHYTHMIC BEATING OF THE NATIVE DRUMS TRICKING BRUNO SO THAT HE THOUGHT HE SAW...?"
ARRRRRROOOOOW!
"AM I IMAGINING IT? THEY'RE GROWING AND ARE CHANGING INTO BEASTS!

MAN INTO BEAST! DOWN THROUGH THE CENTURIES, IN EVERY PART OF THE WORLD DARK LEGENDS HAVE TOLD OF THIS BLACK MAGIC
THEY'RE LEAVING. UGH HORRIBLE, HORRIBLE!
GREAT SPIRIT HERE THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WISH TO WORSHIP YOU
YES YES WE ARE READY!

WHAT EVIL TRICK OF FATE MADE BRUNO THINK HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME OF THAT GHASTLY DEVIL'S BREW?"
...I'LL GRAB SOME OF IT! IT'LL BE A SOUVENIR.

OH GREAT SPIRIT...ACCEPT US INTO YOUR FLOCK...AND LET THOSE WHO DO NOT BELIEVE BEWARE!

"GEORGE BRUNO GOT BACK TO HIS HOTEL ROOM AND..."
...I SURE GOT AWAY WITH IT. I GUESS I BETTER THROW THAT STUFF AWAY! IT'S PROBABLY A FAKE... BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO TEST IT

NOT FOR A WHITE MAN, THE AWFUL SECRETS OF VOODOO! YOUNG BOB RANCE SHUDDERED AS THE GIRL TOLD HIM...
WELL, QUITE A STORY! BUT YOU SAID THERE WAS A GIRL IN IT!
THERE WAS A FOOLISH GIRL ATTRACTED TO GEORGE BRUNO BECAUSE HE WAS RICH HANDSOME! SHE THOUGHT OF IT AS ROMANCE, I GUESS! AND DON'T FORGET HE WAS WEALTHY. THAT DIDN'T HURT!

HER NAME WAS ELAINE CONNERS! AN ORPHAN...A STENOGRAPHER--- A LONELY GIRL DREAMING, HOPING FOR ROMANCE! AND ONE EVENING..."
HE CERTAINLY LOOKS INTERESTING! I WISH

IF ONLY ELAINE CONNERS HAD BEEN A LITTLE MORE CONVENTIONAL. BUT THIS TIME SHE WASN'T! AND...
I DON'T WISH TO OFFEND YOU-- BUT YOU LOOK LONELY-- AND SO AM I! COULDN'T I FINISH MY SUPPER HERE?

"THAT WAS THE BEGINNING! IN THE END SHE MARRIED HIM AND HE BROUGHT HER TO SARNO GULCH! HE HAD TO HAVE QUIET FOR HIS "STUDIES," HE SAID!"

"THEY WERE WEALTHY, AND YET HE INSISTED ON LIVING LIKE THIS! NOW ELAINE WAS AFRAID OF HIM! THEN SHE HEARD THE VILLAGE TALES OF A ROAMING MONSTER, AND ONE MORNING---"

"SHE PRETENDED TO SLEEP... BUT SUDDENLY SHE SAW..."

"SHE DIDN'T DARE QUESTION HIM... THE DAY WAS A PANIC OF HORROR..."

"THEN THE TERRIFIED GIRL FLED OUT INTO THE STORM!

AND AT SUPPER LATER..."

"SHE FORGOT THE QUEER TASTE OF HER FOOD! BEING LEFT ALONE GAVE HER THE CHANCE TO ESCAPE! FOR A MOMENT SHE PAUSED LOOKING THROUGH HIS PRIVATE PAPERS AND..."

NOW, IN THE LITTLE RAILWAY STATION, AS THE GIRL WAS TELLING IT TO RANCE.
YOU LIED TO ME! YOU'RE THAT GIRL!
YES! THAT'S WHY I HAD TO TELL YOU ALL THIS! DON'T LEAVE ME! GET ME BACK TO THE CITY!
NOW HUDDLED THERE IN THE STORM, A WILD PANIC WAS ON THEM BOTH!
WHEN HE COMES BACK AND FINDS ME GONE, HE'LL COME AFTER ME!
IF I ONLY HAD SOME KIND OF WEAPON!
THEN SUDDENLY..
ELAINE! ELAINE! HA,HA,HA!
???
WE'LL BAR THE DOORS AND WINDOWS! GOT TO HOLD OUT UNTIL THE TRAIN ARRIVES!
IT--IT WON'T BE HERE FOR A HALF AN HOUR!
ELAINE! ELAINE!
ELAINE! HA,HA! ELAINE!
SEE IF THAT OTHER DOOR IS LOCKED!
OH-H! HE'S SMASHING THE ROOF!
BLAM
WHAT CAN I DO? HOW CAN I FIGHT HIM??
OH, NO!

JUST THEN ELAINE BEGAN TO QUIVER!
OHH-- I FEEL S-SO STRANGE! SOMETHING'S THE MATTER WITH ME P-PLEASE HELP ME!

ELAINE!! ELAINE!! COME OUT!
SAR

THINGS ARE HAPPENING TOO FAST.-- WHAT CAN I DO?
OH... PLEASE!

SA- SHE SAID HER FOOD TASTED QUEER..

HELP ME!!!

OH NO.

..HE PUT THAT STUFF IN YOUR FOOD!

YAIEEE!
CRACK
THE END

THE THING

BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING HERE! WHAT IS IT, PETE? WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

AAAIIEEE!! JACK! DO SOMETHING! HELP!! HELP!!

WHAT GHASTLY, MACABRE MYSTERY WAS THIS? JACK DARROW COULD SEE THAT HIS FRIEND, PETE LARKIN, WAS GRIPPED BY STARK TERROR! BUT OF WHAT WAS HE AFRAID? AT THE APPOINTED TIME, JACK DARROW KNEW! HE KNEW THERE WAS NO ESCAPE FROM THE THING!

I WAS STARTLED WHEN I REALIZED I KNEW HIM!---

WHY, HELLO! YOU'RE PETE LARKIN, AREN'T YOU?

WHY, YES! --HELLO!

HE'D BEEN A CLASSMATE OF MINE AT N.Y.U TEN YEARS BEFORE!

IMAGINE BUMPING INTO YOU AFTER SO MANY YEARS! HOW ARE YOU, PETE?

I'M FINE, JACK! NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

HE LOOKED AWFUL! I REMEMBERED THAT HE HAD BEEN A DELICATE SORT OF BOY IN COLLEGE!

NOTHING MUCH HAS HAPPENED TO ME SINCE, JACK! I--WELL, I'VE BEEN SICK QUITE A BIT!

YEAH? TOUGH LUCK!

HE LOOKED LIKE HE WAS IN THE MIDDLE OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!

I LIVE NEAR HERE... ALONE! WHOLE FAMILY'S OUT WEST! I'M RESTING NOW-- BOUGHT MYSELF A LITTLE HOUSE!

TOMORROW'S NEW YEAR'S! YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO DO, JACK? I WAS THINKING... WHY NOT STAY WITH ME? WE CAN COOK UP SOME FUN!

I WAS PLANNING ON STAYING AT THE HOTEL IN ANNEDALE, BUT--WELL, OKAY, PETE --THANKS

WHAT GRIM TRICK OF FATE MADE ME MEET HIM AND ACCEPT HIS INVITATION?

IT'S JUST A LITTLE WAY DOWN THIS ROAD... ISN'T MUCH OF A PLACE! BETTER TAKE IT SLOW, ROAD GETS BAD HERE...

IT WAS A STRANGE OLD HOUSE! YOU'D THINK THAT NO ONE HAD LIVED IN IT FOR YEARS!...
I BOUGHT IT CHEAP, JACK!

HE LED ME UP A CREAKY BROKEN-DOWN OLD STAIRWAY!
I-I'VE BEEN SO SICK I'VE BEEN NEGLECTING THE PLACE A LITTLE!

WHAT COULD I SAY? I WAS MOSTLY SILENT AS I SAT UNEASILY IN THAT TOWER ROOM WITH HIM!--
MILK AND SANDWICHES OKAY, JACK?-- I'M NOT MUCH OF A HOUSEKEEPER!
THAT'S FINE, PETE!
I'LL STAY A WHILE... THEN BEAT IT!

IF ONLY I HAD HAD THE SENSE TO GET OUT THEN! BUT I SAT THERE... FROZEN WITH A GROWING HORROR! WAS HE INSANE?---
SURE NICE TO HAVE YOU, JACK! GETS SO LONELY HERE! MAKE ME NERVOUS! HA! HA! YES, THAT'S MY TROUBLE-- I'M SO NERVOUS!
LONELY? YES, I CAN IMAGINE!
HE'S FRIGHTENED, BUT... WHY?

PETE! WHAT'S THE MATTER? ARE YOU AFRAID OF THIS BALCONY?
I-I GUESS SO! SOMETHING AWFUL HAPPENED HERE, JACK! THEY TOLD ME ABOUT IT WHEN I BOUGHT THE HOUSE! THAT'S WHY THEY SOLD IT SO CHEAP!

THEY SAID A MURDER WAS COMMITTED HERE ONE NIGHT... I SHOULDN'T LIVE HERE! I GET TOO FRIGHTENED!
A MURDER? TELL ME ABOUT IT!

"IT SEEMS THERE WAS A YOUNG FELLOW DOWN ON HIS LUCK ONE NIGHT IN A BAR AND GRILL HE STRUCK UP AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH A MIDDLE-AGED ENGLISHMAN..."
WOW! WHAT A WAD! THIS OLD DUCKS A TOTAL STRANGER AROUND HERE! IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HIM--
THERE YOU ARE MY GOOD MAN!
THANK YOU, SIR!
"THE KILLER HAD SEEN THE DESERTED HOUSE! ON SOME PRETEXT HE LURED THE ENGLISHMAN HERE..."
I SAY! THIS IS AN ODD OLD PLACE!
MIGHTY INTERESTING! I'LL SHOW YOU!
"SOMEHOW HE GOT HIM OUT ON THE MOONLIT BALCONY!"
I SAY! NOW, LOOK HERE, YOUNG MAN, I--?
WHAT IN--
THEN IN THE STRUGGLE...
HELP!
HELP!
"THE FALL KILLED HIM! THEN--"
NEARLY EIGHT HUNDRED BUCKS! I'LL BURY HIM IN THE CELLAR! NOBODY'LL EVER KNOW!

BUT WHEN THE KILLER GOT BACK, GLOATING OVER HIS LOOT---"
I--I JUST BURIED YOU! YOU'RE GET AWAY FROM ME--YOU--YOU HORRIBLE THING! AAAAH!!
HA! HA! NOW ITS YOUR TURN!
NO! HELP! HELP!
YOU MUST BE PUNISHED! HA! HA!
"HE FELL ON THE ROCKS, AND FOR A MOMENT THE MURDERER LIVED DYING IN AGONY--"
YOUR PUNISHMENT--NOT JUST TO DIE NOW! BUT AT THE END OF EACH YEAR YOU SHALL LIVE AGAIN FOR A DAY! ---AND AT MIDNIGHT--DIE HERE AGAIN! YOUR PUNISHMENT--NEVER TO END!
AT THE END OF EACH YEAR! DECEMBER 31ST--AT MIDNIGHT! AND THAT WAS... NOW!!
BUT IT WON'T HAPPEN THIS TIME, WILL IT, JACK? D-DO SOMETHING! IT CAN'T HAPPEN AGAIN THIS YEAR!
WHA--?
HA! HA! YOUR TIME HAS COME, PETE!
TO LIVE AGAIN--- AND DIE AGAIN--- AND AGAIN, ON THROUGH THE YEARS!--HIS GHASTLY HORRIBLE PUNISHMENT!
HA! HA! HA!
NO! NO! AAGGGH!
FOR A MOMENT I GAZED DOWN AT THE ROCKS! NOTHING WAS THERE! NOTHING WAS IN THE DESERTED OLD HOUSE... UNTIL THE END OF THE NEW YEAR WHICH NOW WAS BEGINNING!
THEN, SHUDDERING, I FLED!!
The End

WELCOME TO THE TOMB OF THE HAG YOU WONDERFUL GHOULS... I'VE A TALE THAT'LL SNAP YOUR SPINE AND MAKE YOUR SKIN CRAWL... IT'S CALLED...
OVER HER DEAD BODY
YES--YES... OF COURSE! NOW HOLD STILL, SWEETY.. JUST A FEW MORE STITCHES AND IT WILL BE ALL FINISHED!
GEE, IT'S KEEN, MR. BARNER.. AND I'LL BE THE STAR OF THE PLAY, WON'T I?
WHAT ABOUT ME? MY COSTUME IS JUST AS GOOD AS YOURS!
BUT ALL WAS NOT BEER AND SKITTLES WITH HARRY BARNER... NOT WITH A WIFE LIKE FANNY...
C'MON BRATS! GET OUT OF HERE! NOW HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU TO KEEP OUT OF HERE?
BUT, FANNY. THEY WERE DOING NO HARM!
DON'T BUT ME, HARRY! WHY WASTE TIME ON KIDS WHEN YOU'VE GOT A PAYING JOB FROM THAT FAT MRS DAWN! BAH! I HAD TO GO AND MARRY A TAILOR!
BUT I WAS TRYING TO HELP THE KIDS WITH THEIR COSTUMES! IT WOULD ONLY HAVE TAKEN A FEW MINUTES!

HEH! HEH! WELL, YOU KNOW... NEEDLES AND PINS... TRIPLETS AND TWINS, WHEN A MAN MARRIES... HIS TROUBLE BEGINS... BUT LET'S GET BACK TO HARRY, SHALL WE?
HMMM, NECK 19, WAIST 30, HIPS 42... OH, YES... SHE'S THAT FAT WOMAN I DETEST! I'LL NEVER GET THOSE MEASUREMENTS ON THIS DUMMY... IT'S TOO SMALL!
DEAR, ARE YOU LISTENING? I'M AFRAID I HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A FEW MINUTES! THERE'S SOMETHING I HAVE TO GET!
YOU'RE STAYING IN THAT CELLAR UNTIL YOU FINISH THE JOB... THE ONLY WAY YOU LEAVE HERE IS OVER MY DEAD BODY!
WHY DO I LET HER BULLY ME? WHY DON'T I STAND UP TO HER LIKE A MAN?
BECAUSE I'M AFRAID OF HER... THAT'S WHY! BECAUSE I'LL ALWAYS BE AFRAID OF HER! I'M NO MAN... I'M A MOUSE!
... MIGHT AS WELL GET BACK TO WORK... MAYBE I CAN MAKE THIS DUMMY DO ANYWAY!
IT'S NO USE... I JUST CAN'T DO A GOOD JOB WITH THIS CLOTHES DUMMY!

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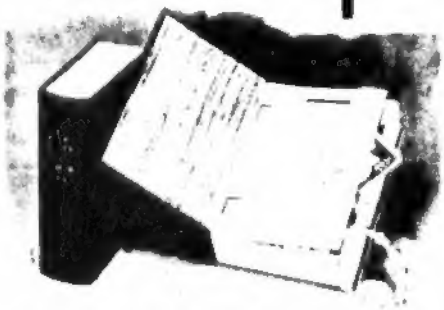

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OOOWOOOO
BONG
BONG BONG
BONG BONG
AND A FEW DAYS LATER...
HELLO, MR. BARNER! I'VE COME TO PICK UP THAT DRESS YOU'VE BEEN WORKING ON... IT SHOULD BE FINISHED BY NOW!
ER, OH, YES! IT'S FINISHED! I HAD A LITTLE TROUBLE GETTING A DUMMY, BUT EVERYTHING WORKED OUT FINE!
THERE IT IS, MRS. DAWN! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF IT?
WHY-- IT'S-- AAAGHH!
HEH! HEH! SHE LOST HER HEAD WITH ME ONCE TOO OFTEN!
LOST HER HEAD, HE SAYS, INDEED! THAT'S WHAT THE POLICE SAID OF HIM, WHEN THEY ARRESTED HIM FOR THE MURDER OF HIS WIFE!!!
The End